



Governor's E-Newsletter

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Aloha and Welcome from the Governor's Office in Hawai`i!

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In her address at the annual Governor's Veteran's Day ceremony in Kane`ohe, Governor Lingle spoke about the cost of freedom and thanked Hawai`i's servicemen and servicewomen of today and yesterday for their sacrifices. Photo courtesy of Stephen Berg.



After placing a wreath in honor of Hawai`i's fallen soldiers, Governor Lingle and State Adjutant General Robert Lee observed a moment of silence.



Governor Lingle and State Adjutant General Robert Lee greeted veterans before the annual Governor's Veteran's Day ceremony began.

Hawai`i's Veterans, Troops Honored for Sacrifices

With a message about the cost of freedom, Governor Lingle spoke about the tremendous sacrifices of those who have served or are serving in the armed forces. The occasion was the annual Governor's Veterans Day Ceremony, held at the Hawai`i State Veterans Cemetery. The observance featured the placing of a wreath by the Governor and State Adjutant General Robert Lee, along with a military rifle salute and a flyover by fighter jets from the USS Abraham Lincoln. Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser](#) and [Honolulu Star-Bulletin](#).



Governor Takes Part in Veteran's Day Sunset Ceremony

Paying tribute to the nation's veterans, Governor Lingle took part in a Veterans Day sunset memorial service aboard the USS Missouri in Pearl Harbor. The ceremony was held in conjunction with the Battleship Missouri Memorial's yearlong commemoration leading up to the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. Japan's unconditional surrender took place aboard the "Mighty Mo" on Sept. 2, 1945, in Tokyo Bay.



To celebrate the 229th anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps, Governor Lingle praised the courage and commitment of these men and women who are "first to fight."

229th Birthday of U.S. Marine Corps Celebrated

During a formal birthday ball marking the 229th anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps, Governor Lingle praised Marines of yesterday and today for their valor and patriotism in being "first to fight" when America calls. She also noted the tremendous sacrifices these soldiers are making in bringing freedom and democracy to Iraq and Afghanistan.



In honoring Hawai'i's top 250 businesses, Governor Lingle spoke about their important role in strengthening the economy. Photo courtesy of First Hawaiian Bank.

Top 250 Hawai`i Businesses Acknowledged by Governor

In keeping with her initiative to strengthen and diversify the economy, Governor Lingle joined Hawai`i Business Magazine in honoring the state's top 250 businesses, which were profiled recently by the publication. The Governor thanked the companies for helping make Hawai`i's economy the envy of the nation, and promised to continue her Administration's efforts to make the state more business-friendly.



In her remarks to the Organization of Women Leaders, Governor Lingle noted that five of her department directors are women, as are ten deputy directors.

Women Leaders Praised by Governor

During the annual membership meeting of the Organization of Women Leaders, Governor Lingle pointed out that women are playing increasingly important leadership roles in all facets of society. This is especially true in Hawai`i, where women of highly diverse backgrounds have excelled in fields such as business, education, health care and government. The Governor invited women to attend next week's inaugural International Women's Leadership Conference in Honolulu, which she is hosting.



During the annual Kimona Ball, Governor Lingle honored Dolly Ortal as the "Filipino Businesswoman of the Year."



Students who received college scholarships from the Filipino Business Women's Association were honored by Governor Lingle at the Kimona Ball.

Governor Emphasizes Importance of Higher Education

Governor Lingle spoke about the increasing need to obtain a college education during her remarks at the annual Kimona Ball held by the Filipino Business Women's Association. Along with giving college scholarships to six students, the organization presented the "Filipino Businesswoman of the Year Award" to Dolly Ortal, president of Ortal Realty.



During the annual legislative conference of the Hawai`i State PTSA, Governor Lingle called for more emphasis on school readiness, and promised her Administration would continue working to improve public education.

Educational Priorities for Hawai`i Discussed

Improving public education remains one of her Administration's top priorities, Governor told members of the Hawai`i State PTSA during their annual legislative conference. The Governor spoke about the importance of PTSA working with the School Community Councils at each campus. Governor Lingle also discussed her legislative priorities for the upcoming 2005 session, and said Hawai`i's children deserve the best possible public education from preschool through graduate school.



Governor Lingle took part in the graduation ceremony for Wayland Baptist University, which is marking its 25th anniversary.



Governor Lingle delivered the keynote address at the fall graduation ceremony for Wayland Baptist University.

Wayland Baptist University Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Governor Lingle joined more than 100 new graduates and their friends and families in celebrating the 25th anniversary of Wayland Baptist University in Hawai`i. In her commencement address, the Governor congratulated the students for their academic and professional accomplishments. The majority of the university's student body is comprised of military personnel from the U.S. Air Force and Army.



Governor Lingle spoke about the accomplishments of Brigadier General Peter S. Pawling during his official pinning ceremony.



At the pinning ceremony for Brigadier General Peter S. Pawling (left), Governor Lingle was joined by State Adjutant General Robert Lee and Brigadier General Daryl Wong (right), commander of the Hawai'i Air National Guard.

Pinning Ceremony for Brigadier General Pawling

During a pinning ceremony marking the promotion of Brigadier General Peter S. Pawling, Governor Lingle praised his leadership skills and numerous accomplishments in the military. The brigadier general commands the largest organization in the Hawai'i Air National Guard, the 154th Wing. More than 1,900 personnel are assigned to the 154th.



SGT Stanley Acedo is undergoing advanced training at Fort Bliss, Texas. SGT Acedo is a member of Lt. Governor Aiona's security detail team. Photo courtesy of Mary-Ann Acedo.



Currently training at Fort Bliss, Texas, are members of the 29th Brigade Combat Team military police. They are (second row, from left) SGT Stanley Acedo, SSG Thomas Jernigan, SGT Clyde Bueno, SPC Robert Aiwohi, (bottom row, from left) SPC Jonathan Fujinaka, SPC Daniel Mabalot, Jr. and SPC Norman Aranas. Photo courtesy of Mary-Ann Acedo.

Photos of Troops Sought for Governor's Web Site

Hawai`i is forever grateful for the dedication and sacrifice of its men and women serving in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard, as well as our citizen soldiers in the Reserve and National Guard. Please visit the photo album, "Dedicated to Our Hawai`i Troops." To submit digital photos of your loved ones who are serving our country overseas, please e-mail governor.lingle@hawaii.gov.

Department of the Week - Hawaiian Home Lands



Micah Kane is director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Photo from Hawai`i Business Web site.

DHHL Working to Improve Lives of Native Hawaiians

In the November 2004 issue of Hawai`i Business magazine, Micah Kane, director of the state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, is profiled as leading the way in developing and delivering land to native Hawaiians with the goal of creating self-sufficient and healthy communities. In addition, Kane joined Lillian Koller, director of the Department of Human Services, and Lt. Governor Aiona in announcing the launch of a federally funded program that will help place native Hawaiian foster children with foster parents who share their cultural heritage. Under the program, which was funded by a \$715,536 grant from the Administration for Native Americans, 144 additional native Hawaiian foster parents will be recruited over the next three years. About half the state's foster children are of native Hawaiian ancestry, and currently more than 40 percent of them are placed in homes outside their culture. Read more in [Hawai`i Business magazine](#).



In the News

Hawai`i ranks high in health

Read more in the [Honolulu Star-Bulletin](#).

Ferry a step closer to reality

Read more in the [Honolulu Star-Bulletin](#).

Many in Hawai`i reach out to troops

Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser](#).

Women to share stories at leadership conference

Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser](#).

Foster care seeking Hawaiian families

Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser](#).

Quote of the Week

"There are still too few women in positions of leadership. Only other women will change that in any substantial way. I believe women leaders have been given a gift that carries a responsibility to create opportunities for other women. Let's all commit ourselves today to doing just that."

-Governor Lingle speaking about the upcoming inaugural International Women's Leadership Conference.

Thought of the Week

"We all take freedom for granted at times, but we shouldn't. We must never forget nor take for granted how precious the gift is. Others are not so fortunate. In many areas around the world, people live under tyranny and oppression. We must cherish our freedom and never forget how we got here."

-Brigadier General Vern Miyagi, commander general of the Hawai`i Army National Guard.

Key Upcoming Events

November 14 Governor Lingle will deliver remarks during the 100th celebration of the Hongwanji Mission in Kahuku, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

November 18 Governor Lingle will deliver remarks during the 35th anniversary and annual Thanksgiving celebration of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, 10:30-10:40 a.m.

November 14-17 Second annual Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit & Exposition. Join security experts from the Asia-Pacific region, including U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge and Philippine National Security Advisor Hermogenes Ebdane, Jr., to discuss how the world is responding to the threat of terrorism. Share ideas on practical solutions for making the region more secure. **For more information or to register, please visit the Web site at www.hlssummit.hawaii.gov.**

November 17-19 International Women's Leadership Conference. Speakers for the women's leadership conference will include Michelle Peluso, president and CEO of Travelocity; Melinda Bush, president and CEO of Hospitality Resources Worldwide; Ella Gera, executive director of the Israel Women's Network; and Merle Okawara, chairman and CEO of JC COMSA Corp. in Japan. These and other women, including Oprah Winfrey and Diane Sawyer via videotape, will share their experiences as leaders in areas such as government, business, travel, communications, health and humanitarian services. **To register, please visit the Web site at www.iwlchi.org.**



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